

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 1-10 and 12 and leaves claims 11 and 13-20 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 11 and 13-20.

Claims 1-10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura (U.S. Patent No. 6,782,035) in view of Roy (U.S. Patent No. 5,515,378). As indicated above, claims 1-10 and 12 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 1-10 and 12 is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 1-10 and 12 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1-10 and 12 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record. The cancellation of claims 1-10 and 12 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants hereby reserve their right to pursue the invention as set forth in claims 1-10 and 12 in a continuing application.

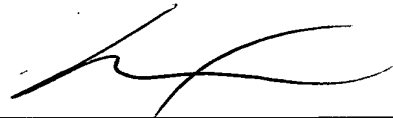
Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 3 of the Office Action that claims 11 and 13-20 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 11 and 12-20 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 11 and 13-20 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (566.39849X00).

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